

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: GELATINE-BASED MATERIALS AS SWABS

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action (final rejection) mailed August 7, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.